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Request 10/005,040-Conf. #8441 Application Number For December 4, 2001 Filing Date Continued Examination (RCE) **Transmittal** First Named Inventor Peter J. Klopotek, Ph.D. Address to: MS RCE Art Unit 3737 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Eleni M. Mantis Mercader **Examiner Name** 101646-0006 Attomey Docket Number

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 | Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s). Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on 01/26/2005 BABRAHA1 00000027 10005040 Other ii. 01 FC:2801 395.00 OF Х Enclosed X | Amendment/Reply Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 2. Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required) The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. 3. Fees The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 141449 . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. X RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) X Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) iii. Other 620.00 Check in the amount of \$ enclosed Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Signature January 21, 2005 Registration No. 28,711 Name (Print/Type) Thomas Request for Continued Examination Transmittal U.S. Postal Sorvice with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in O. Box 4559, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with an envelope addressed to: MS RCE, Commissioner for Patent below

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